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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of fresh violations by the Iranian side of the cease-fire provisions and the terms governing the area of separation between the two sides during the period from 1 May to 1 June 1993. Below is the situation with regard to the fresh violations.

1. At 1830 hours on 1 May 1993, a radio set was seen at the Iranian post in front of the Saddam guard post at geographical coordinates 430560, 100 metres from the international frontier.

2. At 1940 hours on 1 May 1993, a Santana vehicle carrying a 106-millimetre gun was seen coming from the Iranian rear and stopping in the Iranian zone in front of the Saddam guard post at geographical coordinates 430560.

3. At 1750 hours on 3 May 1993, barbed wire was seen to have been set up around the Iranian location in front of the Fakkah guard post at geographical coordinates 512502, 700 metres from the international frontier.

4. At 0845 hours on 4 May 1993, six Iranian soldiers were seen erecting barbed wire at their location in front of the Fakkah guard post at geographical coordinates 512501.

5. At 1300 hours on 9 May 1993, the Iranian side constructed a new post opposite the Shihabi border post at geographical coordinates 360446, 700 metres from the international frontier.

6. At 1700 hours on 9 May 1993, an Iranian helicopter was seen at geographical coordinates 8437 (Al-Asyud) coming from the Iranian rear. It continued flying for 15 minutes at low altitude along the line of the embankment and then returned to the Iranian rear.

7. At 2225 hours on 13 May 1993, the Iranian side opened fire with rifles from the Iranian post at geographical coordinates 019944 to the left of the Tib guard post, strafing the area facing the above-mentioned post, which is located 600 metres from the international frontier inside the area of separation.

8. At 2415 hours on 15 May 1993, the Iranian side reinforced its presence at geographical coordinates 908781 (Shalamcheh) with 10 to 15 persons wearing

military uniform and carrying arms (a mortar, a launcher and rifles). They dispersed onto the embankment facing the above-mentioned post inside the area of separation. At 1110 hours on 16 May 1993, they returned to the Iranian rear.

9. At 1550 hours on 17 May 1993, an 81-millimetre shell was seen to explode at geographical coordinates 957735 inside the area of separation. At 1710 hours on 17 May 1993, two khaki-coloured pick-ups were seen, each carrying five armed military men. They inspected the area where the shell exploded and then fired a number of intermittent shots in the direction of the Iraqi units. At 1200 hours on 18 May 1993, they returned to the Iranian rear.

10. At 1955 hours on 17 May, five Iranian soldiers were observed fortifying an abandoned position at geographical coordinates 517506 inside the area of separation.

11. At 1200 hours on 18 May 1993, five Iranian soldiers were seen fortifying a machine-gun position with corrugated iron sheeting in front of the Jalat guard post at geographical coordinates 850080 inside the area of separation.

12. At 1730 hours on 18 May 1993, 120-millimetre mortar shells were seen falling at the rate of one shell every two minutes at geographical coordinates 975733 across the Khayyen Canal, 100 metres inside Iranian territory. At 1700 hours, the Iranian shooting stopped.

13. At 1000 hours on 19 May 1993, a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear and landing at geographical coordinates 518529 in front of the Fakkah guard post in the Iranian location. After 15 minutes, it returned to the Iranian rear.

14. At 1015 hours on 19 May 1993, two Iranian soldiers were seen observing the Iraqi units at geographical coordinates 299814 in front of the Sharhani guard post inside the area of separation.

15. At 1300 hours on 19 May 1993, an armed Iranian patrol seized an Iraqi fishing boat operating in Iraqi territorial waters in the area facing Abadan. On board the boat were:

(a) Jasim Ramadan;

(b) Nazim Jasim;

(c) Salim Jasim.

16. On 19 May 1993, the Iranian side discharged oil refinery waste-matter into the Shatt al-Arab, polluting its waters.

17. At 2240 hours on 19 May 1993, the sound was heard of metal pegs and barricades being implanted in front of the Iraqi units at geographical coordinates 590385 inside the area of separation.

18. At 0815 hours on 20 May 1993, nine Iranian soldiers were seen strengthening a position in front of the Fakkah guard post at geographical coordinates 514501 inside the area of separation.

19. At 0815 hours on 20 May 1993, two excavators and a grader were seen opening up a road leading to the oil well in front of the Saddam guard post at geographical coordinates 4356 inside the area of separation.

20. At 0830 hours on 20 May 1993, six Land-Rover military pick-ups, each carrying four military men armed with launchers and light rifles and two of them with a single-phase machine-gun mounted on top, and a Vaz vehicle carrying military personnel were sighted. They halted at geographical coordinates 956723, when the men alighted and fired with the machine-guns, launchers and light rifles in the direction of the village of Al-Yawarin. At 0925 hours, five Land-Rover pick-ups and the Vaz vehicle withdrew, and one Land-Rover carrying a machine-gun remained. The withdrawal route was in the direction of the Iranian post at geographical coordinates 971732. Thirteen men alighted at the post, and the vehicles returned in the direction of the Iranian rear.

21. At 0930 hours on 20 May 1993, three Land-Rover pick-ups were seen, one carrying a mortar and the others carrying single-phase machine-guns. They halted at geographical coordinates 97742, and 25 military men alighted carrying launchers and rifles. They inspected the area and fired into the reeds on the bank of the Khayyen Canal, parallel to the front, and then set fire to the reeds.

22. At 1055 hours on 20 May 1993, six Iranian soldiers were seen constructing a reed hut in front of the Fakkah guard post at geographical coordinates 517506 inside the area of separation.

23. At 1530 hours on 20 May 1993, 15 Land-Rover pick-ups with a Poclain excavator approached. Fifty military personnel alighted at geographical coordinates 971731, where they demolished a portion of the bridge over the Khayyen Canal.

24. At 1700 hours on 20 May 1993, three vehicles with a Poclain excavator approached and demolished the bridge over the Khayyen Canal at geographical coordinates 944741.

25. At 0850 hours on 21 May 1993, an excavator was seen operating in front of the Saddam guard post at geographical coordinates 420560 inside the area of separation.

26. At 0900 hours on 21 May 1993, as the fishing boats were going out into the Shatt al-Arab, the Iranian side opened fire on the boats in the restricted area between Karun and Umm al-Rasas island at geographical coordinates 30705. As a result of the incident, two Iraqi fishing boats were hit.

27. At 1055 hours on 21 May 1993, six Iranians erected barbed wire around the Iranian post in front of the Fakkah guard post at geographical coordinates 503533 inside the area of separation.

28. At 1200 hours on 21 May 1993, the Iranian guard post in the Iranian Manyumi area fired in the direction of Iraqi fishermen who were engaging in their business in the area of the Shatt al-Arab off Faw district. Their names are:

(a) Muhammad Salim Hamid;

(b) Na'man Badran;

(c) Husayn Muhammad.

29. At 0600 hours on 22 May 1993, four Iranian military men armed with light weapons carried off a small military boat from the Iraqi bank of the Shatt al-Arab facing Basra port at geographical coordinates 470. They abducted two Iraqi fishermen, taking them to the Iranian bank, and informed the others that they would return the two fishermen after they had interrogated them.

30. At 0830 hours on 22 May 1993, 75 men from the Iranian side were seen constructing 2-metre-high observation posts of sandbags, 5 metres in front of the Iranian post at geographical coordinates 905241 inside the area of separation.

31. At 1500 hours on 22 May 1993, an Iranian excavator was seen in the vicinity of the Iranian control post at geographical coordinates 435042 opposite the Iraqi units digging and adjusting the earth. Near it were four civilians with 10 soldiers and a white-coloured pick-up. At 1515 hours, the vehicle departed with the civilians to the Iranian rear. At 1600 hours on the same day, the excavator halted operations, and Iranian soldiers erected an aerial on the Khosravi guard post at geographical coordinates 1435045 inside the area of separation.

32. On 22 May 1993, the Iranian patrols apprehended the two Iraqi fishermen:

(a) Sami Talib Jabr;

(b) Hadi Karim Khaz'al

and took them away to the Iranian side. They released the men some hours later.

33. At 1750 hours on 22 May 1993, eight Iranian boats were seen downstream protecting the two boats of the patrol opposite the Iraqi units at geographical coordinates 6216.

34. From 2300 to 2330 hours on 22 May 1993, the Iranian side fired on Iraqi fishing boats in the area facing the Karun river.

35. At 0600 hours on 23 May 1993, the Iranian side fired a number of shots at the observation position of the Iraqi units at geographical coordinates 6805.

36. At 1910 hours on 23 May 1993, about eight men from the Iranian side were seen strengthening the positions in front of the Fakkah guard post at geographical coordinates 517506, 1,000 metres from the international frontier.

37. At 0850 hours on 24 May 1993, two radio stations belonging to the Iranian side were seen at geographical coordinates 518529 in front of the Fakkah guard post, 1,200 metres from the international frontier.

38. At 0550 hours on 25 May 1993, two Iranian aircraft, an F-4 and an F-5, carried out a raid on the outskirts of the town of Khalis and dropped their payload on the civilian population. The raid set on fire and destroyed a water tanker and injured a farmer.

39. At 0610 hours on the same day, 25 May 1993, four Iranian F-4 warplanes carried out a raid on the Jalula' camp, causing various kinds of damage. The Iranian aircraft returned in the direction of the Iranian rear following the route Jalula' - Tabbah village - Hamrin lake - Iranian frontier.

40. At 1000 hours on 25 May 1993, the Iranian side fired GC rounds at the Iraqi tugboat Mithaq, which was proceeding from Faw to Ma'qil in the Shahiniyah area at geographical coordinates 665.

41. At 0920 hours on 27 May 1993, four Iranian soldiers were seen fortifying huts in front of the Jalat guard post at geographical coordinates 850800 inside the area of separation.

42. At 0100 hours on 28 May 1993, an Iranian helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear and then landing in the Naft-e Shah area at geographical coordinates 448608. At 1145 hours, it returned to the Iranian rear.

43. At 805 hours on 30 May 1993, about seven men from the Iranian side were seen strengthening the barbed wire in front of the Fakkah guard post at geographical coordinates 514501 inside the area of separation.

44. At 1815 hours on 30 May 1993, the Iranian side erected an 8- to 10-metre-high metal tower at geographical coordinates 9328, 2 kilometres distant from the Iraqi units.

45. At 1650 hours on 1 June 1993, about 12 men from the Iranian side, 8 of them in military uniform and 4 in mufti, were seen digging new positions in front of the Iraqi units at geographical coordinates 420563 in front of the Saddam guard camp inside the area of separation.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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